

Please amend the Specification of the present Application as follows (no new matter was added):

Please amend current paragraph [0031] as follows:

[0031] Figure 4 shows an embodiment of the invention in which thrust plate 9 is arranged at one end 15 of shaft 4. Bore 11 is formed from the other end of the shaft, located outside the bearing system, and ends at a position corresponding to the intended position for thrust plate 9. ~~The sphere has not yet been~~ fixing element 12 is shown as cylindrical plug to be inserted into bore 11. Here again, end 15 of the shaft located within the bearing system is sealed.

Please amend the Abstract of the Application as follows:

A hydrodynamic thrust bearing, forming a part of a bearing system for a rotary bearing of spindle motors utilized to power hard disk drives, which includes at least one annular thrust plate and a counter bearing corresponding to the thrust plate. The thrust plate is firmly connected to a shaft rotatably supported by ~~means of~~ a radial bearing system. The shaft features an axial bore extends from one shaft end located outside the bearing system until the area where the thrust plate is to be positioned. A fixing element is inserted into the axial bore, an outer diameter of the fixing element being greater than the smallest inner diameter of the bore. This enables the thrust plate to be easily mounted in a press fit even in the area around the middle of the shaft.